

## Long Branch Pedestrian Linkages -- No. 760600

Category	Community Development and Housing	Date Last Modified	January 08, 2008
Subcategory	Community Development	Required Adequate Public Facility	No
Administering Agency	Housing & Community Affairs	Relocation Impact	None.
Planning Area	Silver Spring	Status	On-going

### EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY07	Est. FY08	Total 6 Years	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	1,277	402	464	411	171	120	120	0	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	1,699	0	199	1,500	0	750	750	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Community Development Block Grant	2,778	398	469	1,911	171	870	870	0	0	0	0
Federal Aid	198	4	194	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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#### DESCRIPTION

This project will provide for a series of linkages in the Long Branch community that will connect the high-density residential areas with the Village Center and other key activity/service centers such as the Long Branch Library, playground, and Long Branch Community Center through signage and enhanced streetscaping. The objective is to support the vitality of the businesses in the commercial area and create new opportunities for private investment; to improve visual appearance of the main streets, Piney Branch Road between University Boulevard West and Flower Avenue, and Flower Avenue between Piney Branch Road and Arliss Street; to improve vehicular, bike, and pedestrian accessibility and circulation between the existing public facilities; to establish a more pedestrian-friendly environment throughout the Village core; and to stabilize, protect, and enhance existing streamside areas and nature paths in the Village Center. This project will be closely coordinated with all activities undertaken in connection with the recommendation of the Urban Land Institute's Technical Assistance Panel Report titled "The Long Branch Community", dated February, 2005. The scope has been refined and funding for implementation of this project is identified.

#### JUSTIFICATION

This is one of the oldest, most densely populated, and most diverse areas of Montgomery County and it suffers from higher than average poverty, older housing stock, changing population and increased youth and pedestrian injury issues. Based on the assessment of the Long Branch Task Force, improvements in this area are a critical part of the overall action plan to upgrade the quality of life in the Long Branch area.

Long Branch Village Center: Urban Design Concept, prepared by Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Baltimore; East Silver Spring Master Plan. Pedestrian safety will be considered during design. Urban Land Institute's Technical Assistance Panel Report titled "The Long Branch Community", dated February, 2005. The Department is working closely with DEP on clean-up (removing trash and invasive species) in the Long Branch Stream Valley from Piney Branch Road north for approximately 200 linear feet. Also, in coordination with DEP and the Parks Department of M-NCPPC, the Department will try to correct some of the erosion and re-plant the area with the native species.

#### OTHER

The design and planning stages, as well as final completion of the project will comply with the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA), Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), American Association of State Transportation and Highway Officials (AASHTO), and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

#### OTHER DISCLOSURES

- A pedestrian impact analysis will be performed during design or is in progress.

#### APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY06	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate	FY07	2,979
Current Scope		
Last FY's Cost Estimate		2,979
Appropriation Request	FY09	0
Appropriation Request Est.	FY10	
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		(263)
Cumulative Appropriation		1,328
Expenditures / Encumbrances		787
Unencumbered Balance		541
Partial Closeout Thru	FY06	0
New Partial Closeout	FY07	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

#### COORDINATION

Department of Public Works and Transportation  
 Department of Permitting Services  
 Department of Recreation  
 Department of Public Libraries  
 Utility Companies  
 M-NCPPC  
 Maryland State Highway Administration

FY09 - CDBG Appropriation: \$171,000  
 FY10 - CDBG Appropriation: \$870,000

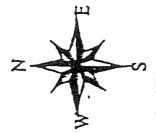
#### MAP

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# LONG BRANCH AREA



— Long Branch Area



1000 0 1000 2000 Feet

A scale bar with markings for 1000, 0, 1000, and 2000 feet.

SOURCE: DIST-GIST AND MC PARK AND PLANNING

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